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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team V - Biographics

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting - 8 April 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A CIA - Mr. [REDACTED] Chairman
25X1A DIA - Mr. [REDACTED]
NSA - Mr. [REDACTED]
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley
ARMY - Mr. Paul Anderson
NAVY - Mr. Marvin E. Van Dera
AIR FORCE - Lt. Col. Edmund M. Manning
FBI - Mr. Earl W. McCoy
ISNS - Mr. John L. Keefe
25X1A CSC - Mr. Pearley G. Buck
CSS - Mr. [REDACTED] Secretary

Others Present

Mr. William Noonan, CSC

1. The members approved the minutes of the eighth and ninth meetings.

2. Copies of the attendees for the Team symposium planned for 21-23 April 1965 were distributed to the group. Based on this list, car pool arrangements were agreed upon. The Chairman explained that Agency security required that one CIA member be present in each vehicle. Each of these will have detailed directions to the symposium site. For the convenience of the members, the car pool list as agreed upon is attached. Copies of the symposium agenda were distributed to each member. The Chairman provided a short explanation of each of the items on the agenda, which was approved after a short discussion. Briefing notes on the symposium were distributed. These covered per diem and cost arrangements, departure times and dates, quarters arrangements, provisions for emergency telephone calls, etc.

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3. The members were provided a short description of several sound movies relating to electronic data equipment and information storage and retrieval. It was suggested that the group could, at its discretion, be shown these movies on the first evening of the symposium. It was agreed to have these made available for this purpose.

4. Each of the members was provided sufficient copies of the attendees list, the agenda and the briefing notes so that these could be provided to the other attendees from their respective agencies.

5. Lt. Col. Manning of the Air Force provided the group with a description of the Philco Print Reader Test on a sample group of the OSI index cards. The experiment consisted essentially of the print reader converting each card to machine language with the equipment then printing out (in identical format) copies of the 3 x 5 cards. Indications were made for detecting errors and nonreadable characters. However, no indication was made of undetected errors. In addition, Lt. Col. Manning brought out the problem that stamped date information was not read because the letters were skewed at too great an angle to be accepted by the print reader mechanism. The Company indicated to Lt. Col. Manning that it could read about 75%. This, however, did not mean 75% of the cards but 75% of the characters. This meant, in effect, that virtually no cards could be read without detecting at least one error per card and there would be other undetected errors. The study by OSI concluded that a Philco Print Reader is not an appropriate means for converting the OSI index cards into machine language and, furthermore, the state of the art does not appear too hopeful in this regard in the near future. Lt. Col. Manning pointed out the problem which most of the agencies represented by this Team have, namely, that the index holdings have cards containing many fonts, many formats, and varying card sizes and colors. As a result of this, it is impractical at this time to convert such a data base into machine language by any existing print reader mechanism. This does not preclude the possibility, however, that cards now being produced could be so formatted with an acceptable font and identified so that in the future these cards (that are being produced by the Community at the rate of ten million a year) might be eventually converted to machine language by a relatively inexpensive print-reading operation.

7. The group adjourned by agreeing that the next meeting will be the symposium when the group will meet at 1600, 21 April 1965 at the main entrance of the CIA Headquarters Building.

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Secretary

Attachment: Car Pool List

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